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4th re Application of:

Bernd-Georg Pietras

Serial No.: 09/509,073

Confirmation No.: 5424

Filed: July 22, 1999

For: An Apparatus For Facilitating
The Connection of Tubulars
Using A Top Drive

Group Art Unit: 3672

Examiner: J. Hawkins Gay

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

## PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to grant a one-month extension of time to and including April 17, 2003, in which to file the Response to Final Office Action Dated December 17, 2002.

This form is filed in duplicate. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$110.00 and any additional fees which may be required for this submission to Deposit Account No. 20-0782/MRKS/0012.Y1/RDE.

Respectfully submitted,

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